(vi) Government of India is a signatory to many international conventions concerning biodiversity conservation and control of illegal trade in wild flora and fauna.

(vii) India has bilateral arrangement with China and Nepal on Tiger Conservation and joint measures to crack down illegal activities of Tiger poaching and smuggling of the body parts.

Solid waste of slaughter houses

541. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has fired the Central Pollution Control Board for its failure to deal with solid wastes of slaughter houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) In the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 309 of 2003 Laxmi Narain Modi Versus Union of India & Ors. on Slaughter Houses, the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 12/07/2005 has awarded costs of Rs. 25,000/- for the adjournment sought by the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) counsel.

(c) The CPCB would continue to file affidavits and details as called for by the Hon'ble Supreme Court regularly to avoid the necessity for seeking adjournments.

Withdrawal of World Heritage Status to Ghana National Bird Sanctuary

†542. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's Heritage Committee has threatened to withdraw World Heritage status to Ghana National Bird Sanctuary due to its miserable condition;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.